

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Leakage of personal information in an apparatus is prevented to protect security thereof. The apparatus 10 includes an input operation section 20 by which an operator can carry out a predetermined input operation, and a control section 30 for performing prescribed control on the input operation section 20. The input operation section 20 serves to perform data transmission to an external device 50 which is provided outside the apparatus 10. The input operation section 20 is characterized in that it is provided with a cipher module 24 for encrypting prescribed data which is input through the input operation section 20, and a transmission section 26 for transmitting data encrypted by the cipher module 24 to the external device 50.